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## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Allowable Subject Matter***

Claims 109-128 are allowed. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The translation of Matsuda et al (JP 44-018898) demonstrates that the process does not preserve the DP profile as required by the instant method, nor does the reference provide any motivation for modifying the disclosed method in order to arrive at a method that would preserve said profile.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Leigh Maier whose telephone number is (571) 272-0656. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday 7:00 to 3:30 (ET). If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ms. Anna Jiang (571) 272-0627, may be contacted. The fax number for Group 1600, Art Unit 1623 is (571) 273-8300.

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